Jo Daly papers

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Descriptive Summary
Title: Jo Daly papers
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Abstract: The Jo Daly papers document the professional life of the longtime San Francisco lesbian political activist and community leader.
Language of Material: English
Access
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Acquisition Information
Scope and Content of Collection
The Jo Daly papers document the professional life of the longtime San Francisco lesbian political activist and community leader. When Daly (1946-1997) was appointed a staff member of the San Francisco Human Rights Commission in 1975, it was noted that she was the first government official anywhere whose salaried job was to serve the gay community. She was the first out lesbian appointed to the San Francisco Human Rights Commission, serving from 1980-1986. Daly was also the city’s first lesbian Police Commissioner, serving from 1979-1986. A longtime member of the Alice B. Toklas Gay and Lesbian Democratic Club, Daly was active in local, statewide and national Democratic politics. During her long battle with cancer, Daly actively campaigned for legalization of the medical use of marijuana. The bulk of the collection covers the years 1975-1997. It includes materials related to Daly’s work with the San Francisco Police and Human Rights Commissions; her interest in Democratic Party politics; her work at the Consensus Bureau, the consulting firm she and her partner Nancy Achilles owned; materials related to the campaign to legalize medical marijuana; appointment books and notebooks; subject files; photographs and a very small amount of personalia.
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